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**ATTENTION: BOX AF**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the US patent application of:

Applicant : Nobuo HAMAMOTO *et al.*

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SIGNAL PROCESSOR AND SIGNAL CONVERTER

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

17 January 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 September 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter amended replacement Claims 55 and 59, as follows.

~~55. (Once Amended) A memory apparatus having a playback circuit~~  
~~removably connected with a digital signal source to store digital data received from~~  
~~said digital signal source and to reproduce the digital data stored therein~~  
~~independently of said digital source, comprising:~~